



An Introduction to the CHDP Gateway

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What is CHDP?

- Provides services to about 2,100,000 children and youth every year
- Health assessments
 - complete physical exam
 - vision and hearing screening
 - immunizations
 - lab screening
 - anticipatory guidance

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What is the CHDP Gateway?

- A process to maximize enrollment of uninsured children into comprehensive health care services
 - Medi-Cal
 - Healthy Families
- Developed as result of stakeholders' meetings in spring, 2002

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How do patients benefit?

- Single online application event determines eligibility for temporary enrollment
- Pre-enrollment provides immediate temporary fee-for-service Medi-Cal for month of application and subsequent month

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Who can enroll children?

- CHDP providers
 - physicians
 - independent pediatric nurse practitioners
 - independent family nurse practitioners
 - medical groups
 - health clinics

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When does Gateway start?

- Begins July 1, 2003
- Transition period, after January 1, 2004
 - Only way to participate in CHDP is through the Gateway process
 - Only way for children to access CHDP health assessments if not fee-for-service Medi-Cal

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What is the CHDP Gateway?

- Pre-enrollment into full-scope, no cost, fee-for-service Medi-Cal at time of CHDP visit
- New method to access state-funded CHDP services

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What is the CHDP Gateway?

- Pre-enrollment into Medi-Cal for up to two months
- Can request joint Medi-Cal/Healthy Families application to get continued coverage

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Who is eligible for Gateway?

- Children and youth
 - under 19 years of age
 - family incomes at or below 200% of the FIG
 - residents of California
- Includes children and youth eligible for
 - limited scope Medi-Cal
 - Medi-Cal with a Share of Cost

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Federal Income Guidelines

- Provided each year
- Will be able to access on CHDP web-site



Who is not eligible for Gateway?

- Children and youth
 - Medi-Cal beneficiaries, full-scope, no cost
 - Healthy Families subscribers
 - family incomes greater than 200% of the FIG
 - 19 years of age and over
 - not a California resident



How will Gateway work?

- Provider office
 - Provide informative brochure to family
 - Screen for income
 - Have family complete pre-enrollment application



How will Gateway work?

- Provider office
 - Using Internet application or POS device
- Automated pre-enrollment process will
 - establish temporary eligibility effective immediately
 - authorize BIC
 - print immediate eligibility document



How will Gateway work?

- Provider office
 - Verifying eligibility for services
- Must be done at each visit
 - if child has BIC
 - if child doesn't have BIC



How will Gateway work?

- Children with Share of Cost
 - If SOC obligated for month of service
 - If SOC not obligated for month of service
- Special message on "Eligibility Verification System"
 -continue with Gateway Enrollment process



How will Gateway work?

- Newborns
 - if child not already on Medi-Cal
 - appended message
 - availability of “Newborn Referral Form”



How will Gateway work?

- Provider office
 - Exam must be within CHDP periodicity
 - If services outside of periodicity schedule, must determine prior to pre-enrollment process
 - Medically necessary interperiodic health assessments
 - Need to reapply for pre-enrollment at subsequent visits



How will Gateway work?

- Provider office
 - After eligibility determined, complete CHDP health assessment
 - Bill on PM160



How will Gateway work?

- Provider office
 - If pre-enrolled into Medi-Cal and condition identified during health assessment, can
 - refer for follow-up
 - prescribe medications
 - order additional medically necessary tests
 - refer for dental care



How will Gateway work?

- Provider office
 - If pre-enrollment process identifies child to be eligible for CHDP services ONLY, can still perform CHDP health assessment
 - And if condition identified during course of health assessment,
 - can refer to county's children's treatment program
 - CCS
 - request assistance from local CHDP program



Pre-enrollment process

- Accessing pre-enrollment application (DHS 4073)
 - download from Medi-Cal website
 - www.medi-cal.ca.gov
 - download from CHDP website
 - www.dhs.ca.gov/chdp
 - local CHDP program
 - www.dhs.ca.gov/chdp



Pre-enrollment process

- Completion of pre-enrollment application
 - give to each family presenting without a way to pay for a well-child exam
 - provide pre-visit brochure
 - family can decide whether to apply
 - enter on-line information family provides to determine pre-enrollment eligibility

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Pre-enrollment process

- Application for continuing health care coverage
 - can indicate on pre-enrollment application if family wants to complete a joint Medi-Cal/Healthy Families application
 - providers should encourage applying for continuing coverage
 - will be mailed to family

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Pre-enrollment process

- Application
 - not complete without signature
 - must be signed by parent/legal guardian or emancipated minor

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Pre-enrollment process

- Provider responsibility
 - family understands questions
 - making sure form complete and signed
 - information indicates eligibility
 - not responsible for ensuring accuracy



Pre-enrollment process

- Provider responsibility
 - At completion of visit, family receives
 - immediate eligibility document
 - parent brochure
 - As a reminder.... staple together



Pre-enrollment process

- Provider responsibility
 - Retain in patient file
 - signed pre-enrollment application
 - copy of immediate eligibility document
 - copy of "eligibility verification confirmation"



What if family over income?

- If income over 200% of FIG, may be eligible for Healthy Families
- Providers can keep supply of joint application and provide to families
- Can get supply of joint applications by calling 1-888-747-1222

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What's different about CHDP?

- Beginning January 1, 2004 the only way a child who is not already enrolled in fee-for-service, no cost Medi-Cal can receive any CHDP services is through pre-enrollment in the CHDP Gateway

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What's different about CHDP?

- If outside of periodicity schedule, must be determined before visit
- Reasons for providing 'medically necessary interperiodic health assessments'
 - sports or camp physical
 - foster care or out-of-home placement
 - school/pre-school entrance examination

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What's different about CHDP?

- Reasons for providing 'medically necessary interperiodic health assessments'
 - need for additional anticipatory guidance
 - history of perinatal problems
 - significant developmental disability
 - completion of health assessment requirements

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What's different about CHDP?

- Verifying eligibility at each visit
 - ask for BIC
 - use Medi-Cal Eligibility Verification System
- If within pre-enrollment period, can do partial screen, recheck

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What's different about CHDP?

- Change in the DHS 4073
 - Pre-enrollment application
 - Can request joint application for on-going health care coverage

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What's different about CHDP?

- “Old” vs. “new” DHS 4073
 - differences
 - when to use
 - when not to use

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What's different about CHDP?

- Can continue to submit claims for services prior to January 1, 2004 with DHS 4073, if child NOT pre-enrolled through the Gateway
 - must use “OLD” DHS 4073
 - must be submitted before December 31, 2004

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What's different about CHDP

- Only two types of PM-160's
 - Standard
 - Info-only
- With pre-enrollment, everyone will have AID code
 - 8W
 - 8X
 - 8Y

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What's different about CHDP?

- Everyone will have a BIC number
 - MUST use BIC number to bill
 - will simplify billing

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What's different about CHDP?

- Head Start/State Pre-school
 - hearing & vision screening
 - PM 160's

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What's different about CHDP?

- Juvenile Hall
 - need to have internet or POS access
 - parent/legal guardian to sign pre-enrollment application

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What's different about CHDP?

- New provider manual, the best of
 - PM 160 Instructions
 - Provider Manual
- Distribution before July 1, 2003
- Available on-line..... Medi-Cal web site
- Updated through provider bulletins

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How can we help families?

- Accessing reports
 - Weekly reports
 - families requesting joint application
 - Monthly reports
 - families getting 15 day letter

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How can I get children into services ASAP?

- Implement procedures to facilitate referrals during pre-enrollment for conditions identified at health assessment
 - have CHDP providers FAX PM 160s - ????
 - working with providers to identify resources

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